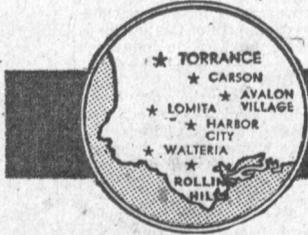


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CRUMPLED TOWER—Elderly oil well at the corner of Sepulveda and Arlington collapsed suddenly Wednesday morning, throwing a shower of beams and planks into the nearby intersection and fields. Passersby said that the top of the rig "flew off as though from an explosion." Workers doing the preliminary clearing up before tearing down the structure had inadvertently weakened it and a gust of wind had finished the job.

Truck Route Before Council for 4th Time

Other Routes Termed 'Impossible' by Hauler

The "on-again . . . off-again" controversy over the question of proposed residential routes for fill-loaded trucks will be brought to the floor of the Torrance City Council for the fourth time Tuesday.

Residents of the Newton-Madison St. area have strongly opposed plans of the Torrance Sand and Gravel Company to use their streets to carry free-way fill to a main highway, regarding the heavy trucks as an undue traffic and health hazard.

Company spokesmen, appearing earlier before the Council, had promised that they would pay crossing guards to patrol all key intersections during working hours and commented upon plans to donate the cleared area for a neighborhood little league field.

Council, at first, denied, then approved, then denied the company the right to use Madison and Newton streets in order to reach a main highway.

Company said that only other route for the trucks, which would have to leave from the other end of the fill area, would be Crenshaw Blvd. They pointed out that 1700 loaded trucks now use Crenshaw each day and the addition of 500 more would create an impossible traffic hazard.

ACCIDENT FACTOR

One of the huge dirt haulers Wednesday was involved in a collision at the corner of Crenshaw and Lomita, hospitalizing two women.

In addition to increasing the traffic dangers on Crenshaw if the trucks were forced to leave from the other end of the fill area, it would virtually eliminate the possibility of clearing an area for a little league field.

Still to be heard from are residents of Crenshaw Blvd. and other residential areas which would be affected if trucks are compelled to use already crowded routes to the highway.

Company officials estimated that it would take five months to remove enough dirt to fulfill the freeway contract and to make room for the baseball diamonds.

'GUN' FOUND . . . Police Arrest Three On Narcotics Use Charges

Two teenagers and a 39-year old resident in the Brentwood Veterans Administration Hospital were booked by Torrance police officers Friday evening after an alert service station attendant spotted a pistol in their car.

Gun, later identified as a "toy" was an exact replica of a .38 pistol with removable wooden bullets, was thrown into a nearby vacant field before the arresting officers arrived but was recovered later.

BOOKED

Booked at Torrance police station on suspicion of narcotics were Kenneth Coker, 18, of 4714 Vanderhill Road, Torrance, John Piar, 19, of 1029 33rd St., Manhattan Beach, and Robert Olsen, 39, a resident of the VA hospital.

Attendant Eulias England of the Safeway Service Station, corner of 182nd St. and Hawthorne, spotted the "imitation" pistol lying on the front seat of the auto when the three suspects drove into his station.

Investigating officers hauled the trio off to jail for narcotics tests and questioning after their erratic speech and actions aroused suspicions.

They conjectured that the three may have intended to rob the service station with the pseudo-weapon.

FALL SEMESTER . . .

Torrance High Names '61 Student Body Officials

Student body elections at Torrance High School last week once again put the reign of student government in the hands of a male president, as Ray Bynum was elected to the presidency of the associated student body. Bynum was commissioner of athletics the first semester of the 1960-61 school year. Earl Yanase was elected to serve as vice-president.

Other newly elected members of the student government to take office this coming fall semester are:

STUDENT COUNCIL
Student court judge, Judy Minor; commissioner of finance, Charlene Alarcon; commissioner of pep, Sharon Radi; commissioner of activities, Nancy Hornbeck; commissioner of records, Mary Lou Howe; commissioner of publicity, Frances Adams; commissioner of group control, Pat Pierce; commissioner of athletics, Bob Sonju.

GIRLS' LEAGUE
President, Loretta Kennedy; vice president, Sharonne Mascola; secretary, Marcel Cook; treasurer, Nancy Sullivan; historian-reporter, Joyce Miyamoto.

BOYS' LEAGUE
President, Fred Sach; vice president, Chris Patrick; secretary, Mike Sullivan; treasurer, Richard Hollins.

SENIOR CLASS
President, Roxanne Barnard; vice president, Sharon Radi; secretary, Jonova Weingarten; treasurer, Sharon Mascola; Girls' court representative, Susan Mathis; Girls' League representative, Sharon Campbell.

JUNIOR CLASS
President, Danny George; vice president, Carol Waggoner; secretary, Marty Wood; treasurer, Ruth Enrich; boys' court representative, Ivor Samson; girls' court representative, Andra Silver; Girls' League representative, Loretta Linderman.

SOPHOMORE CLASS
President, Joyce Bynum; vice president, Vicki Gilliard; secretary, Denise Cedarburg; treasurer, Linda Potter; boys' court representative, Glenn Mackett; girls' court representative, Judy Bynum; Boys' League representative, Hart Mark; Girls' League representative, Lang Tamura.

SCHOOL BOARD MEET
Regular meeting of the Torrance Unified School District Board of Education will be held Tuesday evening, beginning at 8 p.m., in the administrative offices at 2335 Plaza Del Amo. An executive session will precede the meeting, starting at 7:30 p.m.

Committeeman to Guest with Local Democratic Club

"The future of the Democratic Party in California" will be the topic of Paul Ziffren, former chairman of California's convention committee, when he appears before the Torrance Democratic Luncheon Club Wednesday at the Jump 'N Jack restaurant.

Ziffren is a graduate of Northwestern University and Northwestern University of Law. He is a lecturer in federal taxation, special assistant to the chief counsel, Bureau of Internal Revenue and assistant United States Attorney in charge of tax division.

The steering committee of the Torrance Democratic Luncheon Club are: Councilman J. A. Beasley, Councilman Nick Drale, John Barton, Harmon Belcher, Pete Millar, Gus Anastassiou, and John Mulvehill.

REPORT JULY 5 . . .

Torrance High Graduate Appointed to West Point



JOHN ORR
... West Pointer

John Orr, Torrance High School senior, has been appointed to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, according to word received from Congressman Cecil R. King.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. John Orr, 3221 Antonio, young Orr passed up several other scholarships to accept the appointment. A varsity football, basketball, and track star, he also is a member of the Tartar Knights and the school's scholarship society.

He received a letter of commendation in National Merit Scholarship competition, was a certificate winner in math in the Bank America awards, and twice participated in the Math Field Day at Occidental College. He attended Torrance schools for the past seven years.

Evening High to Graduate 177 at June 12 Ceremony

Some 177 persons ranging in age from 16 to 51 will be graduated from Torrance Evening High School in ceremonies on Monday, June 12, at 8 p.m. in the Torrance High School Auditorium.

The Rev. Milton Sippel, pastor of the First Christian Church, will deliver the commencement address, "Thinking Successfully." Diplomas will be presented by Charlton A. Newborn, past member of the Board of Education. Principal R. E. Collins will present the class to Assistant Superintendent Albert N. Posner.

Of the 177 graduates, 101 are men and 76 are women.

Line Up Officers For Blood Bank

Torrance Police Department last week turned out en masse for their regular contributions to the Red Cross Blood Bank.

Local police organization is one of the few such groups in the state to have a 100 percent signup as blood donors. Officers who did not make a contribution during the May 25 collection are either standby donors for the Red Cross and local hospitals or had served as blood donors so recently that the vital fluid could not be taken.

Average age is about 29 years, and 86 per cent are married with an average of about 1 1/2 children each. They have lived in Torrance an average of about seven years. Sixty are veterans.

Graduates include people who were unable to finish their high school diploma in regular classes.



SIGHT FOR SORE ARMS—An emergency call for blood was sent to the Torrance Police Department last week and officers turned out, to a man, to make their contribution. Nursing their punctured arms are the first contingent of donors including William R. Crow, Matron Joan Schmitou, Lt. Don

Nash, Morton Hesse, Dan Murray, Lt. Bob Wright and Jim Popp. Kneeling are Charles Gates, A. L. Jackson and Lt. Alex Thompson. Every member of the group made contribution except those on standby with R. C. or local hospitals as emergency donors.

County Names LB Firm to Design Superior Court

Appointment of the firm of Adams, Morgan, Latham Kripp and Wright of Long Beach to design the Superior Court at the Torrance Civic Center was announced this week by Supervisor Burton W. Chace.

In approving the appointment of the architectural firm recommended by Chace, the board of supervisors also reaffirmed its action of May 16 relocating the Southwest Superior Court facilities from Inglewood to Torrance.

All of the 3 1/2 acres needed for the courthouse site is being provided by the City of Torrance, resulting in a savings of more than \$2,000,000. Torrance has also promised to provide adequate parking, which will eventually total 260 spaces.

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CROSSING GUARD HIT—Mrs. Ruth Ballard, 55, of 21003 Amie St., was hit in a crosswalk Friday morning as she ushered youngsters across Torrance and Madrona on their way to school. Here Officer D. Hartell questions owner of the auto, John Corn, of Manhattan Beach and driver Joe Ray Harris, 69, of 2046 Artesia St. Mrs. Ballard was taken to Little Company of Mary Hospital for treatment of her injuries.